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Over Stocking of Coal
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power utilities are sitting over around 36 million tonnes of coal ending April, 2016 against 29 million tonnes last year, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the current coal stock accretion at the power utilities is the highest in the last four years, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that accumulating coal stocks is risky as they are combustible, pose environmental hazard and lose quality when exposed to environment for long; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR COAL, POWER, NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

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(a): As on 28th April, 2016 the coal stock position reported by these power utilities was 35.92 Million Tonnes (MT) as against 29.76 MT as on 30th April, 2015.

(b):The coal stock as on 31st March, 2016 at 101 nos. of thermal power plant was the highest in last four years. The coal stock position in the thermal power plants as on 31.03.2013, 31.03.2014, 31.03.2015 and 31.03.2016 was 18.98 MT, 20.29 MT, 26.10 MT and 38.87 MT respectively. The average coal stock as on 31st March, 2016 was equivalent to 27 days against coal stocking norms for power stations which range from 15 days for pit-head stations to 20-30 days for non pit-head stations.

(c)& (d):Coal stocking norms for power stations (both pithead and non-pithead) have been formulated. The power plants receive coal on daily basis and consume it based on their daily requirement in line with the generation schedule given to the plants. Hence, the coal stock is not static and is not kept/ stored for a long time.

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